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### **Pennsylvania Economy**

Iron smelting, made possible by \_\_\_\_\_ supplies of \_\_\_\_\_ and of hardwoods for the \_\_\_\_\_, became important in the 18th century.

In the 19th century, after the \_\_\_\_\_ process made the use of its great \_\_\_\_\_ deposits \_\_\_\_\_, Pennsylvania quickly emerged as the nation's leading \_\_\_\_\_ producer, but the industry has since \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically.

Another Pennsylvania resource, \_\_\_\_\_ coal, found in the

northeast, long made the state a dominant force in American \_\_\_\_\_.

In the early 21st century, shale \_\_\_\_\_ has driven a \_\_\_\_\_ boom in Northern and \_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania.

Heavy \_\_\_\_\_ has declined in general, but the state still manufactures \_\_\_\_\_ products, \_\_\_\_\_ equipment, \_\_\_\_\_, machinery, \_\_\_\_\_, and a wide variety of plastic, \_\_\_\_\_, stone, \_\_\_\_\_, and glass products.



The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ metropolitan areas, situated at \_\_\_\_\_ ends of the state and dominating the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life of their regions, present startling \_\_\_\_\_ in production and culture.

Other leading cities are Allentown, \_\_\_\_\_, Erie, Reading, \_\_\_\_\_, and Wilkes-Barre.

\_\_\_\_\_ is concentrated in the \_\_\_\_\_ counties of the southeast, and prized \_\_\_\_\_ lie in the Great \_\_\_\_\_ Valley, rich with \_\_\_\_\_ soils; here the Pennsylvania \_\_\_\_\_ farmers built a culture that is identified with the bountiful \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Principal \_\_\_\_\_ products include \_\_\_\_\_ products, cattle, hay, \_\_\_\_\_, wheat, oats, \_\_\_\_\_, poultry, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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